

**Before the
Federal Communications Commission
Washington, D.C. 20554**

In the Matter of)	
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ETC Annual Reports and Certifications)	WC Docket No. 14-58

**PETITION FOR WAIVER OF FILING
DEADLINE FOR 47 C.F.R. SECTION
54.313(J) FOR
CHEROKEE TELEPHONE COMPANY**

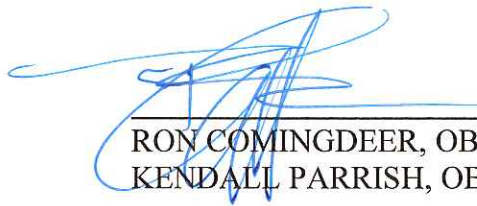
Cherokee Telephone Company, Inc. ("Cherokee" or the "Company") respectfully requests the Commission, pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 1.3, for a waiver of the filing deadline set forth in 47 C.F.R. Section 54.313(j) for the filing of FCC Form 481 with audited financials. The Company's FCC Form 481 has been timely submitted but with pre-audited financials. Cherokee's fiscal year is July 1 through June 30 and Cherokee has been notified by its independent auditors that they will not complete the audit and have audited financials available for fiscal year ending June 30, 2017 until approximately January 31, 2018. Therefore, Cherokee requests a waiver of submitting the audited financials with the FCC Form 481 for its fiscal year ending June 30, 2017 until January 31, 2018. If the audited financials are finalized and become available prior to January 31, 2018 Cherokee will supplement its FCC Form 481 for fiscal year ended June 30, 2017 as soon as the audited financials are available.

Cherokee files this Petition for Waiver because, notwithstanding best efforts of its independent auditors, the audit of fiscal year ending June 30, 2017 will not be completed and audited financials will not be available until the first quarter of 2018. It is impossible for

Cherokee to submit audited financials by July 1, 2017. It is in the public interest that the waiver be granted.

Accordingly, for the reasons described above, the Commission should grant Cherokee's request for a waiver of submission of audited financials for fiscal year ending June 30, 2017 with its FCC Form 481 until January 31, 2018. Should Cherokee's independent auditors complete their audit and provide audited financials prior to January 31, 2018 Cherokee will supplement its FCC Form 481 filing with the audited financials as soon as they become available.

Respectfully submitted,

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